

MASSAC COUNTY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1

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July 30, 2012

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STATE OF ILLINOIS
Pollution Control Board

Members of the Illinois Pollution Control Board
C/o John Therriault, Assistant Clerk
Illinois Pollution Control Board
100 W. Randolph Street, Ste. 11-500
Chicago, IL 60601-3218

Re: Ameren Energy Resources Company, LLC's' Petition for Variance from the Illinois Multi-Pollutant Standard: PCB 12-126

Dear Honorable Members of the Illinois Pollution Control Board,

On behalf of the Massac Unit #1 School District, I write to you today to share my support for Ameren Energy Resources Company, LLC (AER) and its pending petition. Because of the AER Joppa Power Plant's vital role in Massac County's local economy, I ask that the Illinois Pollution Control Board extend the deadline for upgrading its energy stations to meet state standards.

As an educator, I know firsthand the importance of education in a community. Massac Unit #1 School District acquires a critical portion of its funding from the revenue generated by the Joppa Power Plant's property taxes.

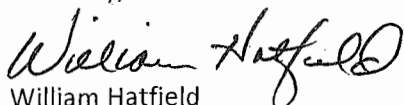
Furthermore, AER supports hundreds of well-paying jobs, boosting household income and stimulating local commerce. Its multimillion property tax revenue supports essential public services in addition to education, such as emergency response and public safety.

Considering AER's support in this district, I would like to address the potential consequences of declining its extension request. If the company was forced to take drastic action in order to obtain the necessary pollution control equipment, the Joppa Power Plant could be potentially shut down. This would have devastating effects on our area, and specifically, our school district.

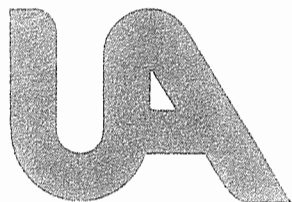
I fully support the state's initiative to regulate power plant emissions, which AER supports as well. In fact, the company has made a vow to further lower its emissions during the time it needs to get back on its feet, even beyond what the state requires. Our only request is that it has more time to meet these requirements and invest in the costly pollution control equipment needed.

To make the world a brighter, better place, education and environmental protection must go hand in hand. With that said, please consider the weight of your decision and what it would mean for our community and its people; please support AER's petition for temporary relief.

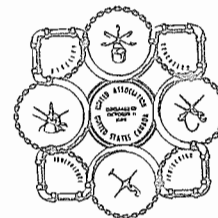
Sincerely,



William Hatfield
Superintendent, Massac Unit #1 School District



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Re: Ameren Energy Resources Company, LLC's Petition for variance from the Illinois Multi-Pollutant Standard: PCB 12-126

Dear Members of the Illinois Pollution Control Board:

My name is Robert M. Lawless, a resident of Bartonville Illinois. This is the village where the AES Edwards Energy Center is located. As a resident and Vice President of the West Central Illinois Building Trades, I go on record in support for the request from Ameren Energy Resources Company LLC (AER) for its request to extend the time-line for the upgrading of their facilities to meet the new state emission standards.

Ameren Energy Resources has already displayed their commitment to upgrade their facilities as demonstrated with their recent upgrades at their Duck Creek Plant located in Canton Illinois. AES in their petition is not requesting a waiver of the standards, merely an extension of the time line to accomplish the emission goals that they themselves adamantly support. The current market price of power has limited their financial resources immediately available for these upgrades.

As a steamfitter by trade, I am proud to have worked and served a portion of my apprenticeship on the initial construction of the AER Edwards Energy Center. For the last 4 decades the Edwards facility has provided dependable, affordable, and essential electrical power to our communities. As a result and by-product, the Edwards Energy Center has provided continual tax revenue, and not just limited from the plant itself. In addition, there are jobs. Jobs that are provided to the vendors that supply services and goods to the plant, jobs for the construction building trades that assist in maintaining and upgrading the plant, jobs for the coal miners mining the fuel, jobs for the rail and trucking industry that transport the fuel to the plant, and the list grows exponentially. These are all secure, good paying jobs. Jobs that afford the employees to buy homes, and in turn pay additional taxes, and most importantly, raise their families with dignity.

I ask the Board to consider the fact that if the extension request is not granted, these jobs, the multiple tax bases I have referenced, and local dependable electrical power are all at risk. Be assured, the electrical power grid will supply power to Illinois residents. However it may be generated and sent in from Kansas, Wyoming, or some other state. Unfortunately, it may not be from the Edwards Energy Center in Bartonville Illinois.

Please carefully weigh all the potential consequences, and ultimately conclude the long term benefits in supporting Ameren's petition for temporary relief.

Sincerely,

Robert M. Lawless
Vice- President
West Central Illinois Building & Construction Trades Council
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VILLAGE OF PALESTINE

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I write to you today to share my support for Ameren Energy Resources (AER) and its request to extend the deadline for upgrading its energy stations to meet new state emission standards. Please accept my letter as part of an aggregation to sanction their current efforts.

As the Mayor of the Village of Palestine, I know that AER is an important proponent of our local economy. The Newton Energy Center currently employs 198 people, and these well-paying jobs boost the household income and spur economic development in our community. The plant is also an imperative source of property tax revenue (\$7,562,000.00+++), which in turn supports essential public services like education and public safety.

I understand the interest for Illinois to adopt strict regulations. In fact, our community and AER support this direction as well. However, in this time of economic hardship, AER does not have the financial resources to immediately meet the Illinois emission requirements. If its requested relief is not granted, then it would be forced to take drastic action and shutter some of its energy centers. Not only would that harm the quality of the Village of Palestine, its community and residents, it would also have a negative effect on the state's economy.

AER is not asking to be excused from the emission requirements. It simply asks for more time to make the right investments in order to pay for pollution control without having to cut jobs and economic opportunities for Illinoisans.

Just like AER's commitment to lowering emissions, I have made a commitment to the Village of Palestine, to ensure the availability of public services and to always serve the well-being of this community. In doing so, I must ask the Board to please support AER's petition for temporary relief. The welfare of the Village of Palestine depends on it.

Respectfully,

Patricia J Schofield

PATRICIA J SCHOFIELD, Mayor
VILLAGE OF PALESTINE
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Re: Variance, Docket No. PCB 2012-126

PCB#1131

Dear Mr. John Therriault:

I support Ameren Energy Resources workers and their request for temporary relief (Variance, Docket No. PCB 2012-126).

I recognize AER's vital role in our local and state economy, for its energy centers provide hundreds of well-paying jobs and generate vital economic activity and tax revenues that are used to support crucial municipal services and local schools.

AER remains fully committed to clean energy standards, but simply needs more time to make the costly upgrades. Please grant this request so AER can improve air quality by achieving the cleaner emission standards without having to jeopardize jobs and livelihoods of Illinois residents.

Thank you for your consideration and for registering my comment.

Sincerely,
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In behalf of the Village Board of Trustees, and Staff,

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From: Jean George <jgeorge@northshorecenter.org>
To: <therriaj@ipcb.state.il.us>
Date: 8/1/2012 9:58 AM
Subject: Please Reject Ameren's Petition for a Variance (Docket No. PCB 2012-126)

Aug 1, 2012

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Ms. Judy Collins
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From: Christine Austin <stine_310@yahoo.com>
To: <therriaj@ipcb.state.il.us>
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From: yaser zayed <bylwlshi1@yahoo.com>
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From: Sue Batterman <mo118@sbcglobal.net>
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Please keep our air clean and safe for children.

Sincerely,

Ms. Sue Batterman
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From: Amy Calandra <amy.calandra@gmail.com>
To: <therriaj@ipcb.state.il.us>
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Mrs. Amy Calandra
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From: Lindsey Walters <lindseywalters@mac.com>
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West Peoria, IL 61604-5023

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From: Cathy Goforth <tweety_girl1515@msn.com>
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Waterloo, IL 62298-1430

From: Jennifer Galindo <faithfulwifey06@yahoo.com>
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From: Loreen Troy <ltroy@uic.edu>
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From: Allison Kampf <a_kampf@hotmail.com>
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Ms. Allison Kampf
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Saint Charles, IL 60175-6813

From: Diane DiBernardo <dianedib08@gmail.com>
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Oswego, IL 60543-8667

From: farhana majid <farhana.majid@gmail.com>
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Ms. farhana majid
6304 N Claremont Ave
Chicago, IL 60659-2050

From: Judith Meek <judithmeek3@hotmail.com>
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Oak Lawn, IL 60453-4708

From: Marilyn Davila-Leal <marilyndl85@gmail.com>
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Champaign, IL 61820-8408

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Carpentersville, IL 60110-1138

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Mrs. Jackie Dickman
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Somonauk, IL 60552-9657

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Ms. Karen Torres
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Chicago, IL 60656-1727

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Illinois Pollution Control Board
c/o John Therriault
Assistant Clerk of the Board
James R. Thompson Center
100 W. Randolph
Suite 11-500
Chicago, Illinois 60601

Re: Docket No. PCB 2012-126

Dear Members of the Illinois Pollution Control Board:

As health professionals living and working in Illinois, we support the Multi-Pollutant Standard (MPS) adopted by the Illinois Pollution Control Board in 2006. By controlling power plant emissions of sulfur dioxide (SO₂), nitrogen oxides (NO_x), and mercury, the MPS helps protect the air we breathe, the local fish we eat, and the wildlife and natural spaces we love from harmful pollution. We are concerned by the present effort to weaken the MPS before the Illinois Pollution Control Board. We urge you to vote against any action eroding MPS standards.

Nationally, coal-fired power plants are the largest sources of SO₂ and mercury emissions, and are among the largest single source emitters of NO_x. Emissions of these air pollutants impact human and ecosystem health in a number of ways. Exposure to mercury, a potent neurotoxin, can result in developmental delays (e.g. speech, motor, and memory skills) in children, and cause nervous system damage in adults. High levels of SO₂ and NO_x can exacerbate respiratory symptoms in at-risk individuals (including children and the elderly), including asthma and COPD attacks. Wildlife and plant species are also impacted by the toxic effects of these pollutants, (e.g. reproductive impacts of mercury to wildlife, SO₂-derived acid rain damage to foliage).

In addition to the health impacts of directly regulated chemicals, SO₂ and NO_x are also precursors to other harmful pollutants such as fine particulate matter and ground-level ozone. Fine particulate matter (PM_{2.5}) is a complex mixture of solid and liquid particles, and a very large proportion of measured PM_{2.5} results from the chemical transformation of SO₂ and various NO_x molecules in the atmosphere. Numerous scientific studies and authoritative panels have identified PM_{2.5} as harmful to human health, with causal linkages found between short- and long-term exposures and premature mortality and cardiovascular effects. According to a 2010 report by the National Research Council, in 2005 alone, the annual health and related damages from particulate, NO_x, and SO₂ cost the public \$62 billion (2007 USD). The vast majority (\$53 billion) of these costs were due to health damages associated with the transformation of SO₂ into PM_{2.5}.

As it stands, the MPS is designed to require substantial reductions in the emission rates of SO₂, NO_x, and mercury. These reductions will allow for substantial gains in the public health of our state and surrounding regions, particularly for vulnerable populations. By maintaining the present MPS emission rate requirements for each of the pollutants, you will ensure that the health improvements behind the spirit of the law remain intact, and that the public does not bear the costs of polluter non-compliance. We applaud you for your decision to put the MPS in place six years ago, and we ask that you continue to show your support for this standard by voting against any effort to weaken its protective power.

Sincerely* ,

Paul Brandt-Rauf, DrPH, MD, ScD

Susan Buchanan, MD, MPH

Director

Great Lakes Center for Children's Environmental Health
University of Illinois at Chicago School of Public Health

Robert Cohen, MD, FCCP

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